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Nalco Docket No. 7502 CO2
Customer No. 49459REMARKS

Claims 51, 55, and 56 are pending in this Application. Applicants have cancelled Claims 55 and 56.

This Response to Office Action falls under MPRP § 706.07(f), entitled "Time for Reply to Final Rejection." In relevant part, this section states, "if applicant files a complete first reply to the final Office action within 2 months of the date of the final Office action, the Examiner must determine if the reply places the Application in condition for allowance - then the Application should be processed as an allowance and no extension fees are due."

The Office Action rejected Claims 55 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants have cancelled these claims.

The Office Action states, "Claim 51 is allowable over the prior art." Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be sent for this Application.

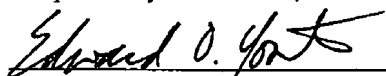
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 51 in this Application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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